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For: **THIN PLATE FORMATION METHOD, THIN PLATE AND SUSPENSION
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first official action on the merits following the **Request for Continued Examination (RCE)** in the above-identified patent application.

An Office Action was issued by the Chinese Patent Office in a Chinese patent application related to the above-referenced U.S. patent application.

This information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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_____	AF	CN 1199661A	11/25/1998	China	No. Corresponds to item AA (US Patent No. 6,058,132).
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OTHER DOCUMENTS

_____	AK	Chinese Office Action dated September 15, 2006, including a partial English-language translation.
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